

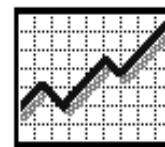
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The OJA Justice Data Services Newsletter is published three times a year (February, June and October). We shall attempt to provide you with useful information about our data systems and services and occasionally about data trends and other research. If you have any comments or suggestions for future articles, please let us know. Feel free to address your comments to any of our staff listed below.

Dane, Jackson, Milwaukee, Oneida, and Sawyer.

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Staff Changes

Aura Brosnan recently resigned to further her education. Aura's many contributions to OJA and the UCR program will be missed.

John Beck has been promoted within OJA to replace Aura Brosnan as the UCR Coordinator. As John makes the transition into his new position, Lori Phillips will assist in answering UCR questions.

Lynn Sheppard recently resigned. Lynn's many contributions to OJA and the IBR program will be missed.

Joshua Maas has been hired to replace Lynn Sheppard as the IBR Program Specialist. While Joshua becomes familiar with the details of IBR, questions can be directed to Yvonne Hagen.

In terms of UCR data entry and related responsibilities, please note the following assignments:

Donna Decker is responsible for all reporting agencies in the following 21 counties: Adams, Ashland, Chippewa, Dodge, Green, Green Lake, La Crosse, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Pierce, Portage, Price, St. Croix, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, and Washburn.

Lori Phillips is responsible for all reporting agencies in the following 8 counties: Bayfield, Calumet, Columbia,

Lynn Schwoerer is responsible for all reporting agencies in the following 25 counties: Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Grant, Iowa, Iron, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Fayette, Lincoln, Marathon, Monroe, Pepin, Polk, Richland, Rusk, Sauk, Taylor, Vilas, and Waupaca.

Jennifer Tracy is responsible for all reporting agencies in the following 17 counties: Barron, Crawford, Door, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Juneau, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Shawano, Sheboygan, Washington, Waukesha, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood. Jennifer also has responsibility for the State Patrol and the DNR.

When possible, please direct all UCR-related questions to the appropriate person.

UCR Deadlines

Monthly UCR reports should be received in OJA's office prior to the 15th of each month. There are some agencies that are experiencing computer problems and therefore are not able to submit timely reports. These agencies should contact Jennifer Tracy, if they know that the report will be received after the 15th.

UCR Training

OJA worked closely with FBI representatives conducting 4 trainings located in Madison and West Bend. The response we received from participants was greatly appreciated. We are hoping to invite the FBI representatives back in the fall to host similar trainings within our state. Please let us know if you would like to host one of these trainings in your area. However, please call if your agency has an immediate need for training. We can often put together a regional or individual session, either at your agency or at our office.

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UCR Reports

Agency Reports

Those agencies that want an individualized annual report covering one or more years can request them now. All other Wisconsin agencies will receive a letter summarizing their 2001 UCR crime and arrest statistics as soon as possible. Please allow at least 4 weeks to receive these reports.

2000 CRIME AND ARREST REPORT

After many delays, our 2000 agency tables are nearly done and the 2000 Crime and Arrest Report is being finalized. Some individual agency tables will be put on our website and the remaining tables will be added as they are completed. When completed, the entire publication will be mailed to each contributing agency. We apologize for the long delay.

2001 CRIME AND ARREST REPORT

We are beginning the process of producing the 2001 Crime and Arrest Report. We hope to complete this report and mail a copy to all contributors in the early part of next year.

UCR Scoring Issues

General

For those agencies submitting computer-generated UCR forms, please make sure that the font size is readable and the numbers are clear for our data entry.

Do not use tick marks (///) on any UCR forms! Instead, please indicate the actual number. Is “///” two or eleven?

Make sure to complete all total lines on the various UCR forms, especially the two arrest forms. Also, remember to combine male and female arrestees when completing the age and race totals.

Sexual Assault

You cannot score an offense code 6 (statutory rape) when the victim is less than 10 years of age.

If both parties to a consensual sexual act are under 16, remember that two sexual assaults are counted – each party is both “victim” and “offender.”

(WIBRS)

OJA is in the process of implementing the incident based reporting system. The WIBRS system of reporting expands upon the data currently collected for Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). The system should become available sometime in 2002. If you choose to participate in incident base reporting, you will no longer have to report UCR data. We are currently working with three agencies (West Allis, Green Bay, and Dane County) as initial beta testers of the WIBRS. If you would like to participate in incident based reporting, please contact Joshua Maas, IBR Specialist (608) 264-7883. Information is also available on the web site:

<http://oja.state.wi.us>

UCR Supply Requests

UCR supply requests are done every other Friday unless there is an immediate need. Please contact Jennifer Tracy for all supplies. Currently, we are working towards putting all UCR forms on our website. We will notify you when this has been completed.

Web Site

Our web site has been updated to a much more attractive version! OJA maintains this site, providing a variety of material including the most recent versions of annual publications such as Crime and Arrests in Wisconsin, Sexual Assaults in Wisconsin, Drug Arrests in Wisconsin, Arrests of Juveniles in Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Adult Jail Report. The web site also contains various grant-related materials including application forms.

The site may be accessed at the following address:

HTTP://OJA.STATE.WI.US. Any comments regarding this web page, including suggestions for changes and additions are appreciated.

Anti-Drug Task Forces

Task Force Arrests and UCR

To ensure that your agency receives its full share of Byrne Task Force grant funds, please make sure that all 2002 Task Force drug arrests are also included in the appropriate UCR submissions. Please contact Sterling Dewitt, SAC Director at (608) 267-2116 if you have any questions.

Please also ensure that Drug Data is submitted timely. Meeting grant reporting requirements is one factor in determining future funding.

Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting System

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